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REMARKS

Applicants introduce a new claim to the tape of the invention wherein the adhesive stiffener penetrates the tape entirely. Such penetration is considered by applicants to be inherent in the language "by the penetration of extension 4 into a loose surface structure 1 of the elastic tape," as the extent of penetration is neither limited by that claim nor limited by the specification. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced hereby.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following new claim 8.

8. (newly added) The tape in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the adhesive penetrates through the tape completely.